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J
EALOUSY, THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER OF HATE, ONCE AGAIN REARS ITS UGLY HEAD TO INSPIRE THIS MOST PASSIONATE EPIC OF SUDDEN DEATH,
"THE PHANTOM OF NOTRE DAME"... SO LETS TURN THE PAGE AND JOIN BART HILL (ALIAS DAREDEVIL) AT THE METROPOLIS STUDIOS IN HOLLYWOOD AS HE CALLS UPON ACADEMY AWARD WINNER, BRENDA BRONSON.....

BART HILL, ALIAS DAREDEVIL VISITS THE FAMOUS METROPOLIS STUDIOS... OUR STORY BEGINS ON STAGE 3 WHERE THE BEAUTIFUL STAR BRENDAN BRONSON IS AT WORK.. ON THE LONG AWAITED PICTURE "THE PHANTOM OF NOTRE DAME!"

HIYA, BEAUTIFUL! AREN'T YOU THE GLAMOROUS BRENDAN BRONSON?

UM HUM! ...AND YOU ARE LIEUTENANT ER...

HILL! LIEUTENANT BART HILL, MISS BRONSON, THE BOYS ELECTED ME TO COME HERE AND ASK IF YOU'D APPEAR WITH RENE VENGE AT OUR CAMP NEXT SATURDAY!

AT THAT MOMENT THE PERSON WHOM THEY ARE SPEAKING ABOUT THE FAMOUS CHARACTER STAR, RENE VENGE IS MOVING TOWARD THEM, HIS FACE WHITE WITH JEALOUSY.

HEY! WHAT SCENE IS THIS?

LISTEN, PUNK! JUST 'CAUSE YOU GOT A UNIFORM ON, DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN SPEAK TO ANY GIRL YOU FANCY!

YOU HALF-BAKED HAM! I'LL SMACK YOU SO HARD, YOUR FANS WILL FEEL IT!

PLEASE MR. HILL! HE DIDN'T MEAN IT! RENE, YOU APOLOGIZE! THE LIEUTENANT WAS ASKING IF WE WOULD MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT HIS CAMP DANCE!

SORRY! YOU SEE, I'M A BIT JEALOUS OF BRENDAN! SHE DRAWS MEN LIKE FLIES! I'D KILL ANYONE WHO TRIED TO TAKE HER AWAY FROM ME! COME ON, LET'S SHAKE!

OKAY, BUT YOU WANT TO WATCH YOURSELF!

I HOPE YOU CHANGE WHEN WE'RE MARRIED, RENE!

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU UP, RENE? THEY'RE WAITING FOR YOU TO TRY ON YOUR COSTUME IN THE MAKE-UP DEPARTMENT!

I'M THE STAR OF THE PICTURE! THEY'LL WAIT AN' LIKE IT!

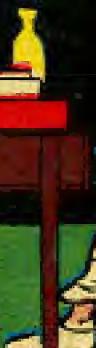
YOUR WHOLE MAKE-UP HAS BEEN TESTED! IT'S HARMLESS IF ONLY LEFT ON FOR A HALF HOUR EACH DAY! ANY LONGER IS FATAL! IT WOULD RUPTURE YOUR VERTIBRAE AND LEAVE YOU A HOPELESS CRIPPLE!

YOU'RE THE DOCTOR! YOU OUGHT TO KNOW! I HOPE MY PUBLIC REALIZES THE RISK I'M TAKING FOR THEM... AND \$100,000!

BY THE WAY TONY,
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE
TO BE BEST MAN AT
MY WEDDING THIS
AFTERNOON?..YOU
KINDA GO FOR
BRENDA YOURSELF
DON'T YOU?

I HEAR YOU'RE USING
THE CHURCH ON THE SET
FOR THE BIG EVENT!
WOW, THIS THING
WEIGHS A TON!

TOO BAD FOR YOU TONY, BUT
BRENDA'S A SMART GIRL! WELL,
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT BE-
ING BEST MAN?..I MIGHT
EVEN LET YOU KISS THE
BRIDE!



THIS IS A MASTER-
PIECE OF MAKE-UP!
I'LL BET YOU WISH
I LOOKED LIKE THIS
ALL THE TIME!!..HEY,
WHERE'RE YOU
GOIN'?

I DON'T SEE MUCH
DIFFERENCE..GET SOME-
ONE ELSE TO GET YOU
OUT OF THAT STRAIGHT-
JACKET!! I'M QUIT-
TING AS OF RIGHT
NOW!

IMMEDIATELY AF-
TER THE DOOR
IS LOCKED ON THE
OUTSIDE, LEAVING
RENE VENGE IN
A SOUND PROOF
ROOM....



TONY!! OPEN
THIS DOOR!!
YOU FOOL!!
YOU CAN'T GET
AWAY WITH
IT!!



AS THE HOURS DRAG BY..
OWWW! MY BACK'S
BROKEN!! I'M A HOPELESS
CRIPPLE!! I'LL GET OUT OF
HERE AND WHEN I DO,
I'LL KILL HIM!!..I'LL
KILL HIM!
(PUFF PUFF)

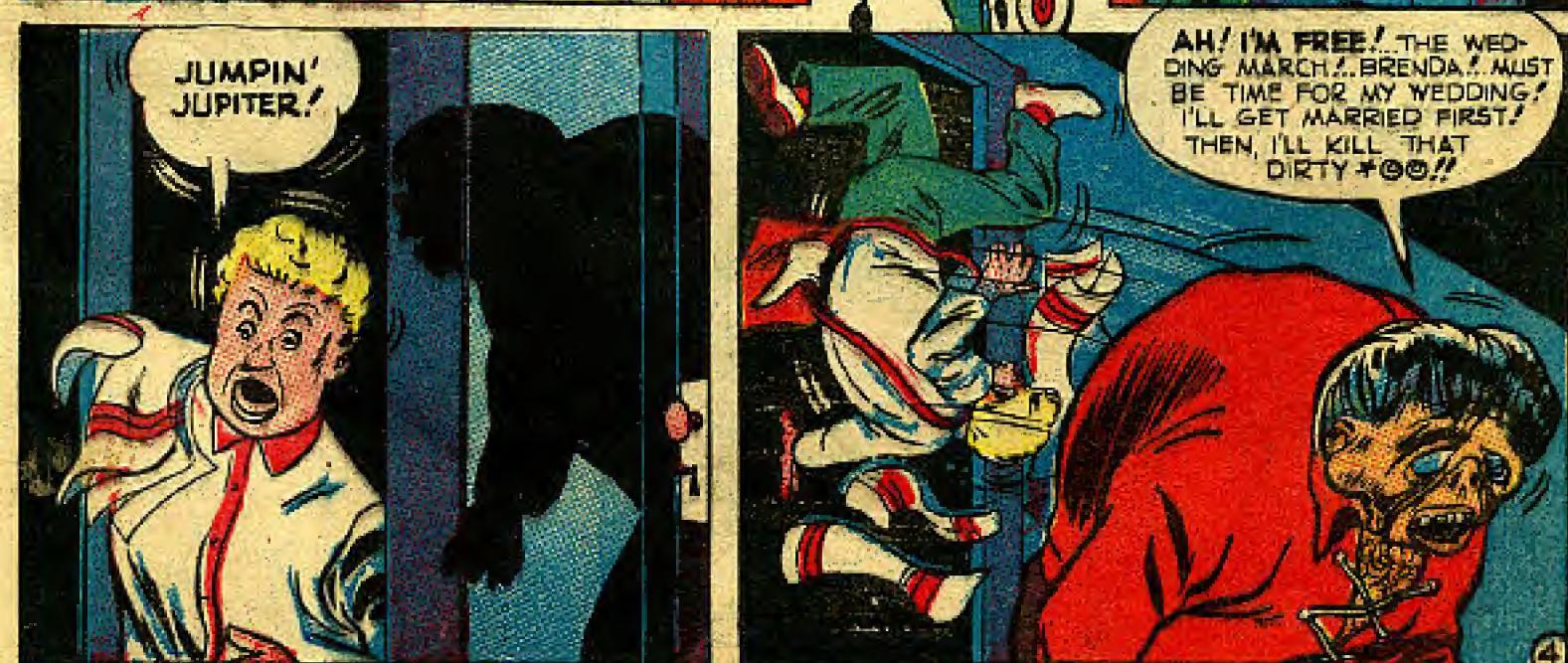


IT'S TIME FOR THE
WEDDING BUT THE
GROOM DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE ANY-
WHERE AROUND!



I JUST HAD
TO SAY GOODBYE
TO YOU!..I'LL WAIT
TILL YOUR HERO
GETS HERE, THEN,
I'M GOING FOR
GOOD!

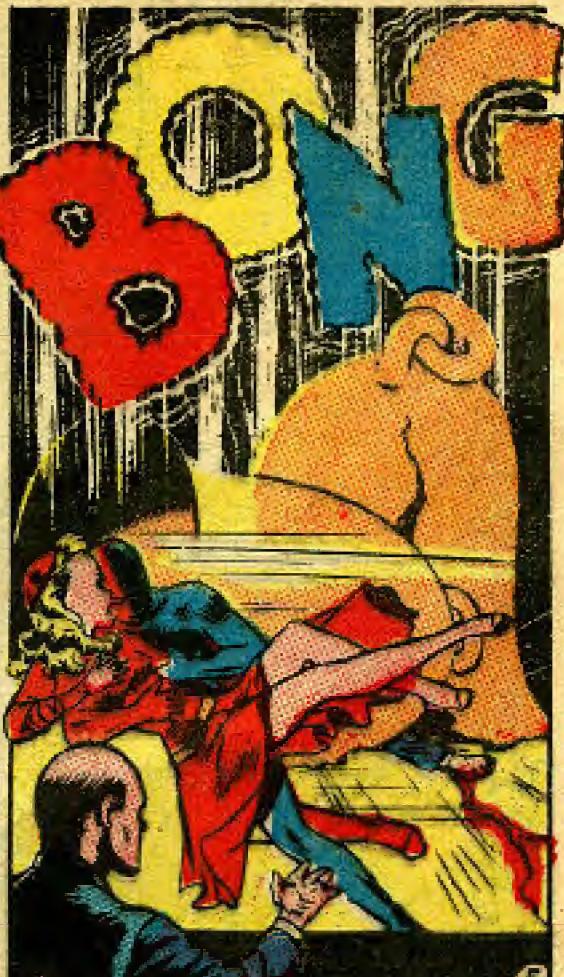
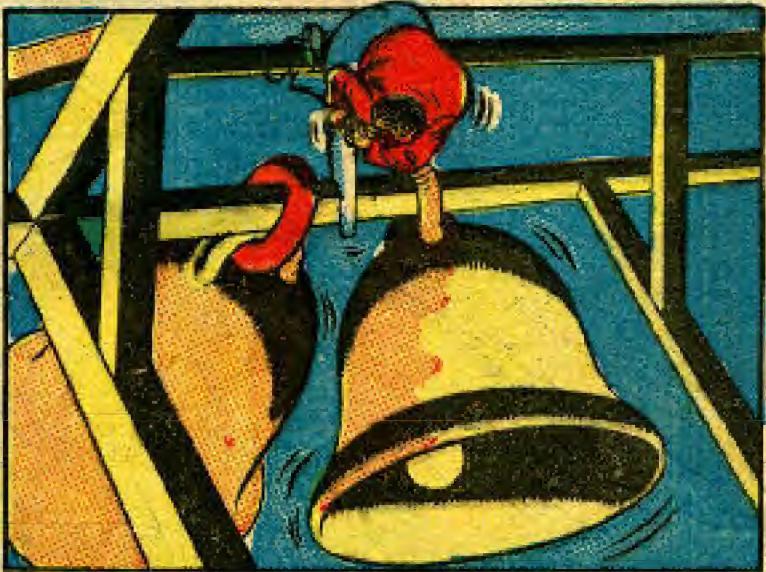
I'M
SORRY
TONY

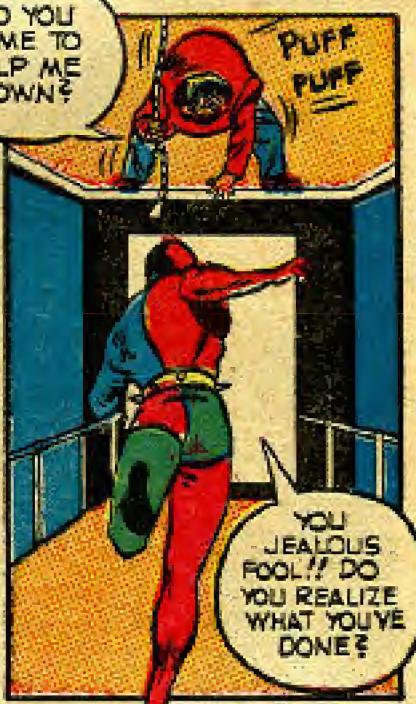
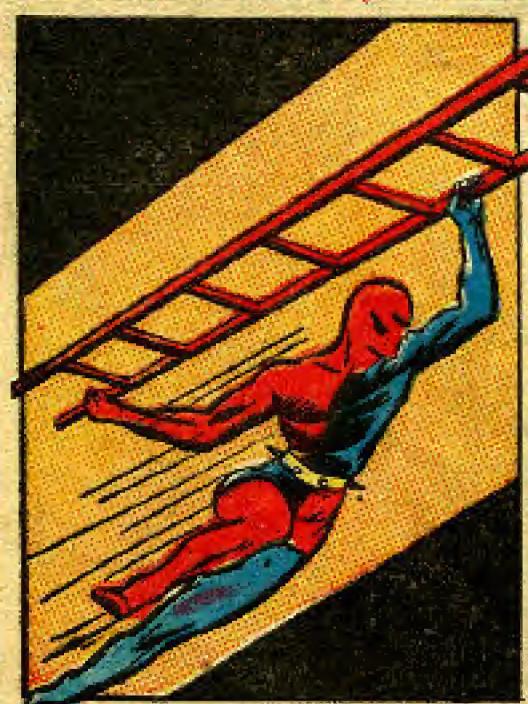


SHE'S MARRYING SOMEONE ELSE!! SHE'S MARRYING TONY!! THE ROTTEN LITTLE TWO-TIMER!! I'LL KILL THEM BOTH!

SCENE

TOO MANY PEOPLE WATCHING! I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I GET THEM BOTH!





BRENDA, YOU GO TO YOUR DRESSING ROOM AND LOCK YOUR DOOR! DON'T OPEN IT OR LEAVE IT TILL I SAY SO! THAT'S A GIRL!

OH! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! MY RENE A CRIPPLE AND OUT OF HIS MIND AND POOR TONY DEAD! OOOH!

SNOB

SNOB

THICK 'EM UP!
EVERYBODY EXCEPT
DAREDEVIL! I'M
THE THUDIO
DETECTIVE!!

THAY THUM, THAT THAP HATHN'T GOT
A THANCE WITH
ME AND YOU
AFTER HIM!

DON'T
POINT!
BAD
MANNERS!

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO LOCKED RENE IN HIS ROOM. IT WASN'T THE GUY HE KILLED... I CAN PROVE THAT!

THITH THURE'S A PROBLEM! WHOEVER DID IT THURE MUST OF HATED HIM! THAY, HOW DO YOU KNOW?

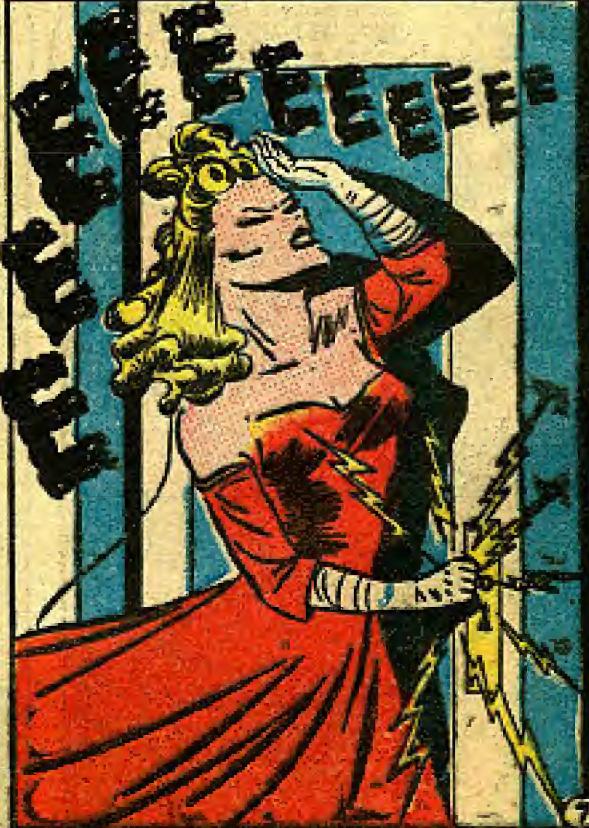
SO! DAREDEVIL CAN PROVE TONY DIDN'T DO THIS TO ME! THEN WHO DID? I'LL FIND HIM... I'LL KILL 'EM ALL... JUST TO MAKE SURE I GET HIM! BUT FIRST, BRENDA MUST PAY...

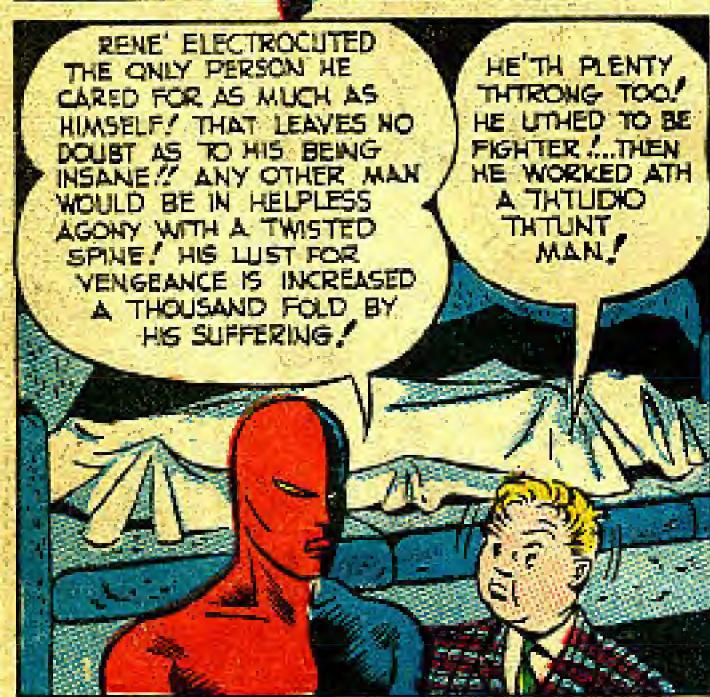
...BECAUSE, WHEN TONY LEFT THE ROOM HE WENT RIGHT TO THE OFFICE AND SAID HE STOOD ALL OF RENE THAT HE COULD AND QUIT! IF HE HAD LOCKED THE DOOR HE WOULD HAVE KEPT QUIET!

THIMPLE DE-
DUCTION! EATH A-B-TREE
EH,
DAREDEVIL?

I CAN'T STAY IN THIS ROOM ANY LONGER! I'LL GO NUTS IF I DON'T FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

BESIDES, RENE' WOULD NEVER HARM ME!



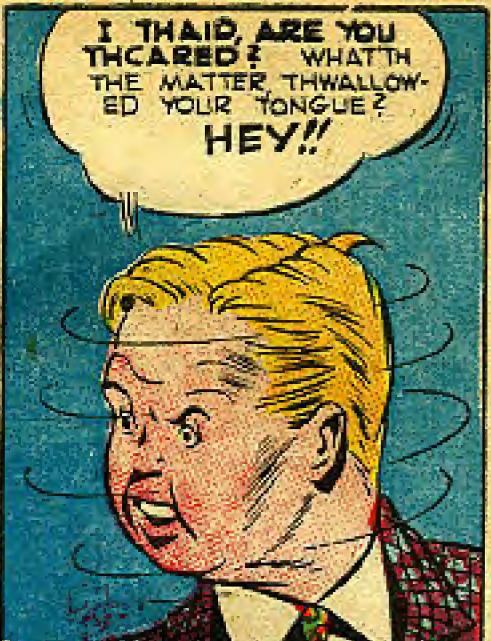


THAY, THAT MURDERING DRIP WONT DARE TRY ANYTHING ATH LONG ATH HE KNOWTH I'M PROTECTING YOU! NOT THCARED ARE YOU?

I THAID, ARE YOU THCARED? WHATT THE MATTER THWALLOWED YOUR TONGUE? HEY!!

WHY DON'T YOU THAY THOME-THING?

ATH THERE ATH MY NAME ITH THANDY THNOOR, YOU'RE DEAD!

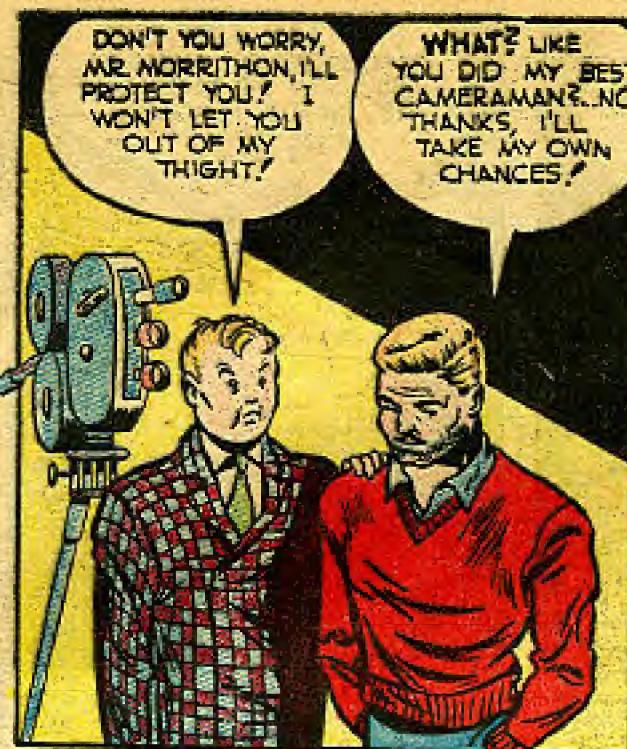


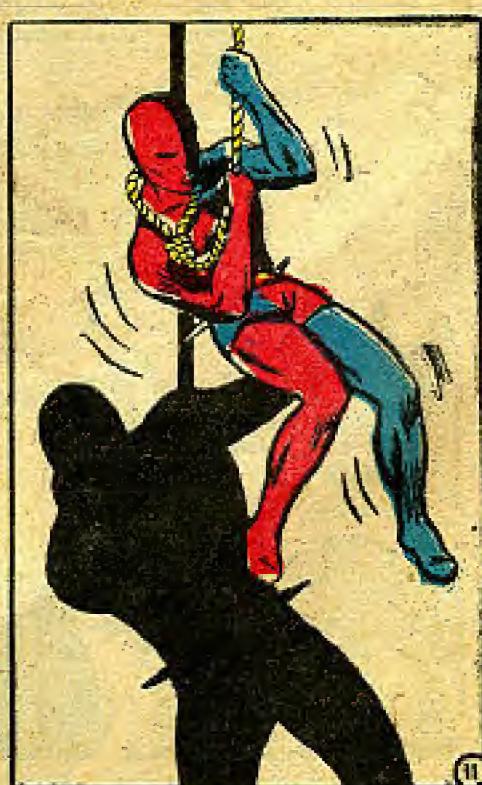
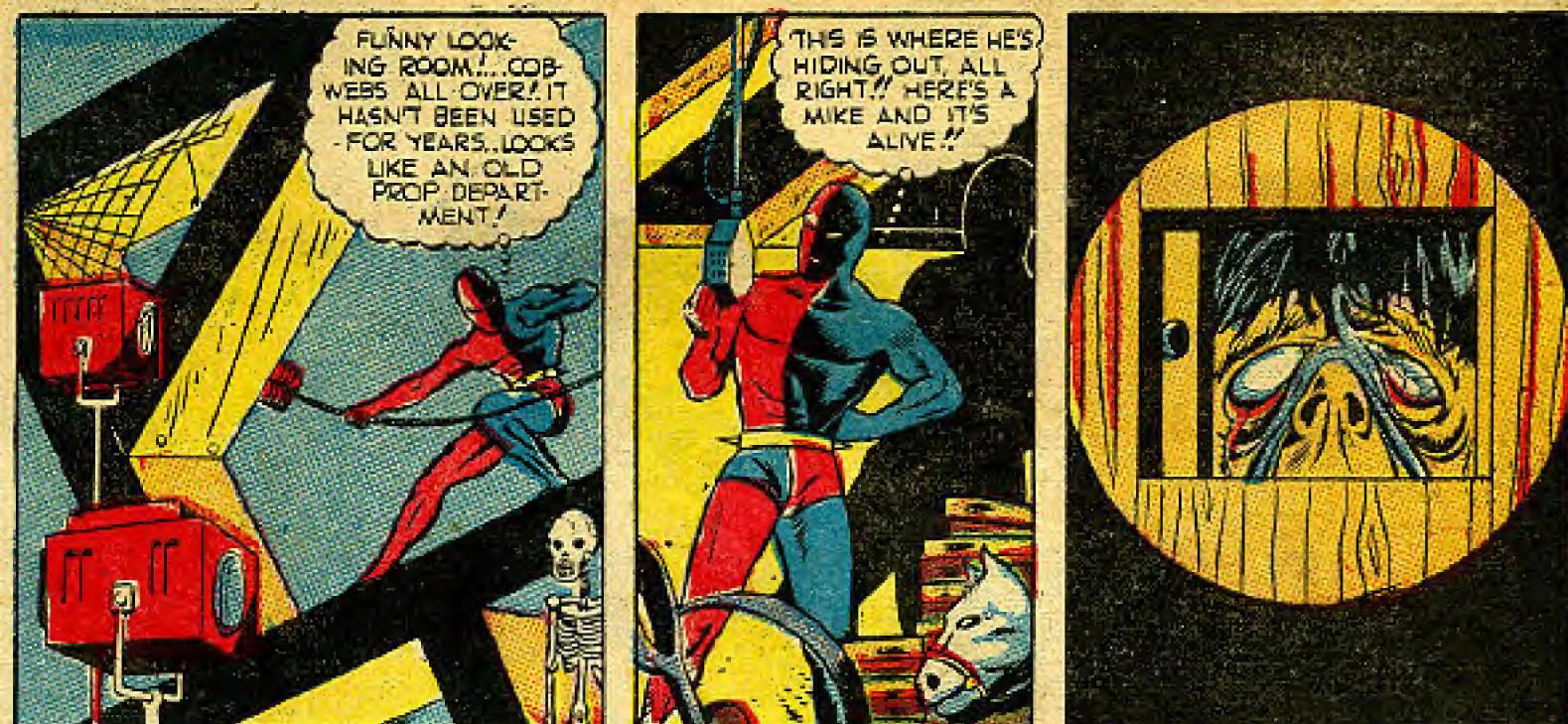
I'M GOING TO FIND WHERE THAT SCORPION IS HIDING! IF I HAVE TO TEAR DOWN THIS STUDIO PIECE BY PIECE!

DON'T YOU WORRY, MR MORRISON, I'LL PROTECT YOU! I WON'T LET YOU OUT OF MY THIGH!

WHAT'S LIKE YOU DID MY BEST CAMERAMAN? NO THANKS, I'LL TAKE MY OWN CHANCES!

ANYWAY, I'M NOT GOING TO STAND AROUND WAITING FOR IT! I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEBODY TO TAKE RENE'S PART RIGHT AWAY! THIS PICTURE HAS TO BE OUT ON SCHEDULE!





I'M SORRY I COULDN'T TELL YOU AHEAD OF TIME IN THIS CASE, BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHO THE NEXT ONE'S GOING TO BE!! IT'S...

RENE' VENGE IS MY GUESS! WHO'S YOURS ??

HANGING IS A NICE WAY TO DIE!! YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IT!

IF YOU'VE ANYTHING TO SAY, SAY IT INTO THIS!



WE THOUGHT SURE YOU WERE A GONER, DAREDEVIL!!

HERE'S THE STAR KILLER! ANYBODY WANT HIS AUTOGRAPH.

YOU GOT HIM!! NIN THE GOIN' DAREDEVIL! THE CATHE ITH THOLVED! "LL THEE THAT YOU GET THOME CREDIT FOR THITH!!

THAT'S WHITE OF YOU CHUM! OH NO, THE CASE ISN'T SOLVED YET!!

WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND OUT WHO LOCKED RENE' IN THE ROOM!! TONY THE MAKE-UP MAN HAD A GOOD REASON, BUT WE KNOW HE DIDN'T DO IT!! WHO ELSE COULD POSSIBLY WANT HIM OUT OF THE WAY? I'VE A HUNCH!!

LET'TH GIVE EVERY-BODY THE THIRD DEGREE, DAREDEVIL!!



THE LATE DIRECTOR MORRISON TOLD ME YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD WALK INTO RENE'S PART, SINCE YOU WERE HIS UNDERSTUDY! I'LL GIVE YOU TWICE WHAT HE WAS MAKING AND SIGN A LONG TERM CONTRACT IF YOU'LL ONLY TAKE THE PART!

YOU TALKED ME INTO IT!

THIS WORKED OUT BETTER THAN I THOUGHT

CONGRATULATIONS ON SIGNING THAT LONG TERM CONTRACT! AREN'T YOU AFRAID? ...I MEAN ABOUT THE PART AND THE MAKE-UP!

WHO ME?...WHY SHOULD I BE AFRAID?...ER...ER I MEAN NO DOUBT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT WITH RENE!

YES, OF COURSE!! YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT!

I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THIS MAKE-UP IS...IT CAN ONLY BE LEFT ON A HALF-HOUR!

DON'T REMIND ME OF IT!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK

GOT THAT RECORDER READY SANDY?

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I CAN'T GET OUT! HELP! LET ME OUT! THE ROOM IS SOUND-PROOF! THEY CAN'T HEAR ME! LET ME OUT! PLEASE!! GOOD HEAVENS..I'LL BE CRIPPLED! HELP! HELP!



I STARTED ALL THIS! WHY DID I?..THIS WOULD-N'T BE HAPPENING TO ME IF I HADN'T TURNED THAT KEY ON RENE!



I GUESS WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH! STOP THE RECORDER AND LET HIM OUT!



HA, HA! YOU FELLERS PLAYIN' A JOKE ON ME, HUH?..I WASN'T SCARED! I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME! HA, HA!

(PUFF) (PUFF)

THICK 'EM UP! WE HEARD WHAT YOU THAID

THO LONG, OL' THOCK! IF YOU EVER NEED MY COOPERATHION DON'T BE THACRED TO THEND FOR ME!



I THURE WILL THANDY! MY GOSH.. NOW I'M TALKING THAT WAY! GET HIM OUT OF THAT COSTUME QUICK BEFORE IT CRIPPLES HIM!



IT'H'A THECRET BUT I'LL TELL YOU.. THE THORY FOR NEKHT MONTH...ITH THOMETHINGS THUPER COLLOTHAL! ITH I GUETH I'D BETTER NOT TELL YOU.. ALL I THAY ITH DON'T MITH' IT!















Presenting THE CLAW

THE CLAW

WORLD'S WORST VILLAIN

BY

BOB WOOD

JUST IMAGINE AN ENORMOUS MACHINE THE SIZE OF A CITY BLOCK WHICH CAN TRAVEL 70 MILES PER HOUR, AND IS EQUIPPED WITH EVERY WEAPON OF WAR, INCLUDING GAS ATTACK, LONG RANGE GUNS, PLANES, MECHANIZED UNITS, SMOKE SCREENS, ETC. THUS ARE THE CAPABILITIES OF THIS MOST INGENIOUS CREATION....

PASTER!
PASTER, FOOLS!
WE MUST
FINISH TODAY!

PLEASE NOTE! ENTIRE BASE IS
CHARGED WITH ELECTRICITY...

AS AMERICA FIGHTS DESPERATELY ON ALL FRONTS TO STEM THE AXIS WARLORDS, THE CLAW HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN IN THE RISING TEMPO OF EVENTS, BUT WELL WOULD THE PEOPLE TREMBLE IF THEY COULD SEE THIS MASTER OF EVIL PLANNING THE DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA FROM WITHIN!!!...IN A LARGE DESERT CRATER, SOMEWHERE IN COLORADO, THE WORLD'S WORST VILLAIN HAS IN PRODUCTION, THE GREATEST ENGINEERING FEAT OF ALL TIME!!!

BUT THERE IS ONE MAN WHO HAS NEVER
CEASED SEARCHING FOR THE CLAW...THAT MAN
IS THE GHOST...HE LANDS HIS PLANE IN THE
OUTSKIRTS OF A SMALL TOWN IN COLORADO...

ANOTHER DAY AND
STILL NO SIGN OF THE
CLAW!! BETTER TAKE
THIS OUTFIT OFF BE-
FORE I GO INTO
TOWN!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A NICE
TOWN...GUESS THAT MON-
STER WOULDN'T BE FOOL-
ING AROUND HERE, BUT
I STILL HAVE THAT STRANGE
FEELING HE'S UP TO SOME-
THING SOMEWHERE!

HELLO THERE!!
RATHER QUIET
HERE!! HOW'S
THE APPLE PIE
TODAY?

IT'S QUIET
BECAUSE MOST
MEN ARE FIGHTING,
SIR...AND THE
PIE IS FINE!!

A MAN WITH ANY
SPUNK WOULDN'T WAIT
TO BE DRAFTED...AND
IF YOU THINK THE
GIRLS WANT YOU,
THIS IS **ONE** THAT
DOESN'T!!

HEY.Y.Y!
DON'T CUT
ME UP,
CUTIE!

THANK GOOD-
NESS! THE PIE
WAS SWEETER
THAN YOUR
DISPOSITION!

OH,OH, A PATRIOTIC
LITTLE FIREBALL!!
WELL, AFTER ALL,
SOMEONE HAS TO
STAY HOME AND TAKE
CARE OF THE GIRLS...
BESIDES, I HAVE-
N'T BEEN DRAFT-
ED YET!

SO LONG,
SUGAR-
FOOT!

GOODBYE!!

AS BRAD STEPS FROM THE CAPE

JUMPING CATFISH!

CRASH

GENERAL
STORE

IT...IT'S
MR JENKINS
BACK FROM
DOVER!

C..CLAW!

THE CAR'S SHOT
FULL OF HOLES!!
THAT MONSTER
MUST BE....

QUICKLY, BRAD
HENDRICKS STEPS
ASIDE AND BE-
COMES THE
GHOST...

DOVER!! AT LAST
I'VE FOUND THE
FIEND...IF I'M
NOT TOO
LATE!

THE GHOST ADDRESSES
THE CROWD....

QUICK! WHO
HAS A CAR
I CAN USE?
AM I
SEEING THINGS?
IT'S THE GHOST
!!!

WHY..
I HAVE

I'VE GOT
TO GET OUT
TO MY PLANE!!
YOU CAN
DRIVE THE
CAR BACK.

SO THIS
IS WHERE THE
CLAW HAS
BEEN!!...THE
PIG!!

MINUTES LATER, THE GHOST
SKIDS TO A STOP IN FRONT
OF HIS PLANE.

HERE WE
ARE!! THANKS
A MILLION
AND DON'T
WORRY!

B..BUT!

I'M GOING
ALONG TOO!! I
CAN FIGHT JUST
AS WELL AS A
MAN AND YOU'LL
NEED ME!

?

MEANWHILE, THE WORLD'S WORST VILLAIN
IS IN A RAGE....

BLUNDERING SWINE!
THAT DRIVER YOU SHOT
UP WILL BRING THE
ARMY ON OUR NECK!

SHE CLAW HURLS THE HELPLESS ORIENTAL SMACK AGAINST HIS
HUGE MACHINE....

OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENS TO FOOLS, YOU
DOGS, AND REMEMBER IT."

MERCY,
MASTER!
MERCY!

AND NOW, QUICKLY INTO
THE MACHINE! WE MUST
STRIKE BEFORE THE PIGS
CAN LOCATE US! SQUAD
ONE TO THE GAS CHAMBER;
TWO TO THE PLANE SEC-
TION; THREE TO THE GUN
TURRET!...DEATH TO THE
ONE WHO FAILS HIS POST!

Slowly at first, and then with amazing
speed, the claws rolling fortress
blasts out of the crater....

BULLET PROOF
BOMB PROOF
GLASS

AT LAST MY
HUMILIATION CAN BE
AVENGED! HITLER
SHALL LEARN THAT
THE CLAW IS STRONG-
ER THAN MIDGETS
LIKE KLOGO!

HEIL
HITLER!

ON AND ON, THROUGH VILLAGE AFTER VIL-
LAGE SWEEPS THE MIGHTY MACHINE, LEAVING
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE....

EDITOR'S NOTE: KLOGO,
HITLER'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE DEFEAT OF THE
GHOST... SEE APRIL
AND MAY ISSUES OF
DAREDEVIL COMICS

Meanwhile a plane
streaks out of the
heavens....

GREAT LORD!
ANOTHER OF THE
CLAW'S DIABOLI-
CAL MACHINES!
NOTHING WILL
STOP THOSE
THINGS!

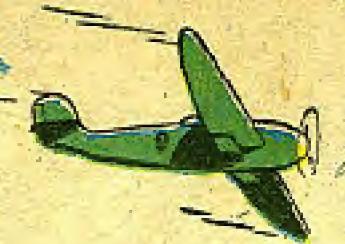
IT'S HEAD-
ING TOWARD
CARTVILLE...
THAT'S WHERE
THE ARMY
CAMP
IS!

ARMY CAMP!
OF COURSE!
THAT'S WHAT THE
FIEND'S UP TO!
WE'LL HAVE
TO GET THERE
FIRST!



BUT THE CLAW HAS SPIED THE GHOST'S PLANE OVERHEAD...

RELEASE AIRCRAFT...NO! WAIT... THE FRIGHTENED SWINE ARE LEAVING!

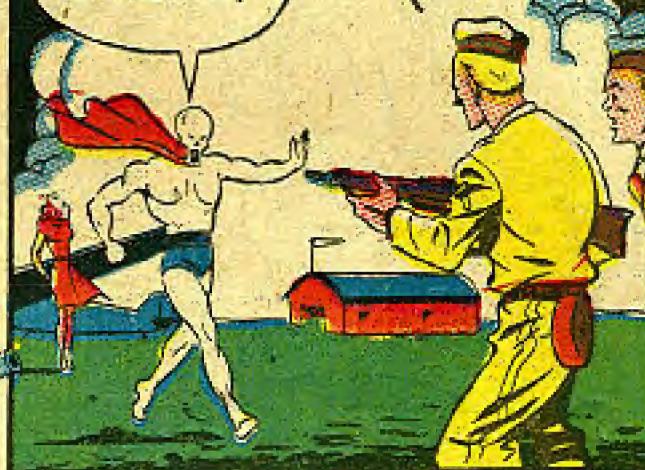


A FEW MOMENTS LATER AT CARTHAGE ARMY CAMP.....

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF LANDING ON AN ARMY FIELD? IT'S A GOOD WAY TO GET YOUR HEAD BLOWN OFF!

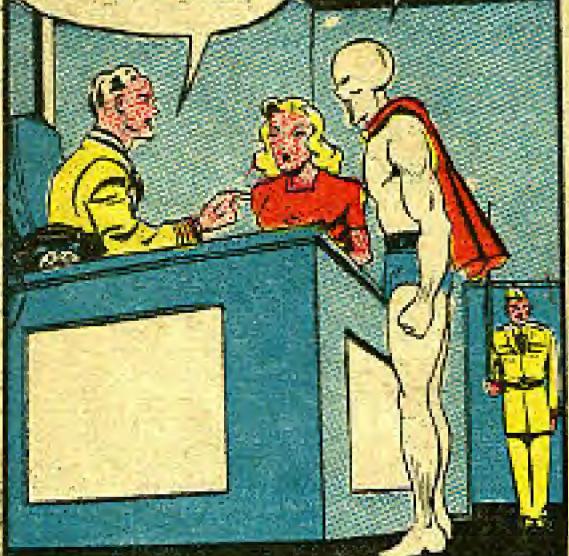
IT'S THE GHOST!!

DON'T SHOOT! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!

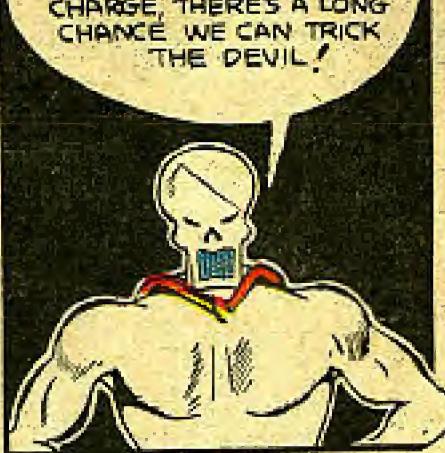


WHAT! ARE YOU SURE THAT DEVIL IS PLANNING TO ATTACK US? WHERE IS HE? I'LL SEND A TROOP TO WIPE HIM OUT!

HOLD ON, COMMANDER! HE'S GOT A MACHINE THAT YOUR GUNS WOULDN'T PENETRATE!



THE ONLY WAY HE CAN BE STOPPED IS BY A TRAP.. COMING IN OVER YOUR FIELD. I NOTICED IT WAS SURROUNDED BY WOODS.. IF YOU'LL EVACUATE YOUR MEN AND PUT ME IN CHARGE, THERE'S A LONG CHANCE WE CAN TRICK THE DEVIL!



GHOST, YOU'VE FOUGHT THE CLAW LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW HIM! I'LL WITHDRAW MY MEN A MILE AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!!

FINE! I'LL NEED ABOUT FIFTY TO ASSIST ME!

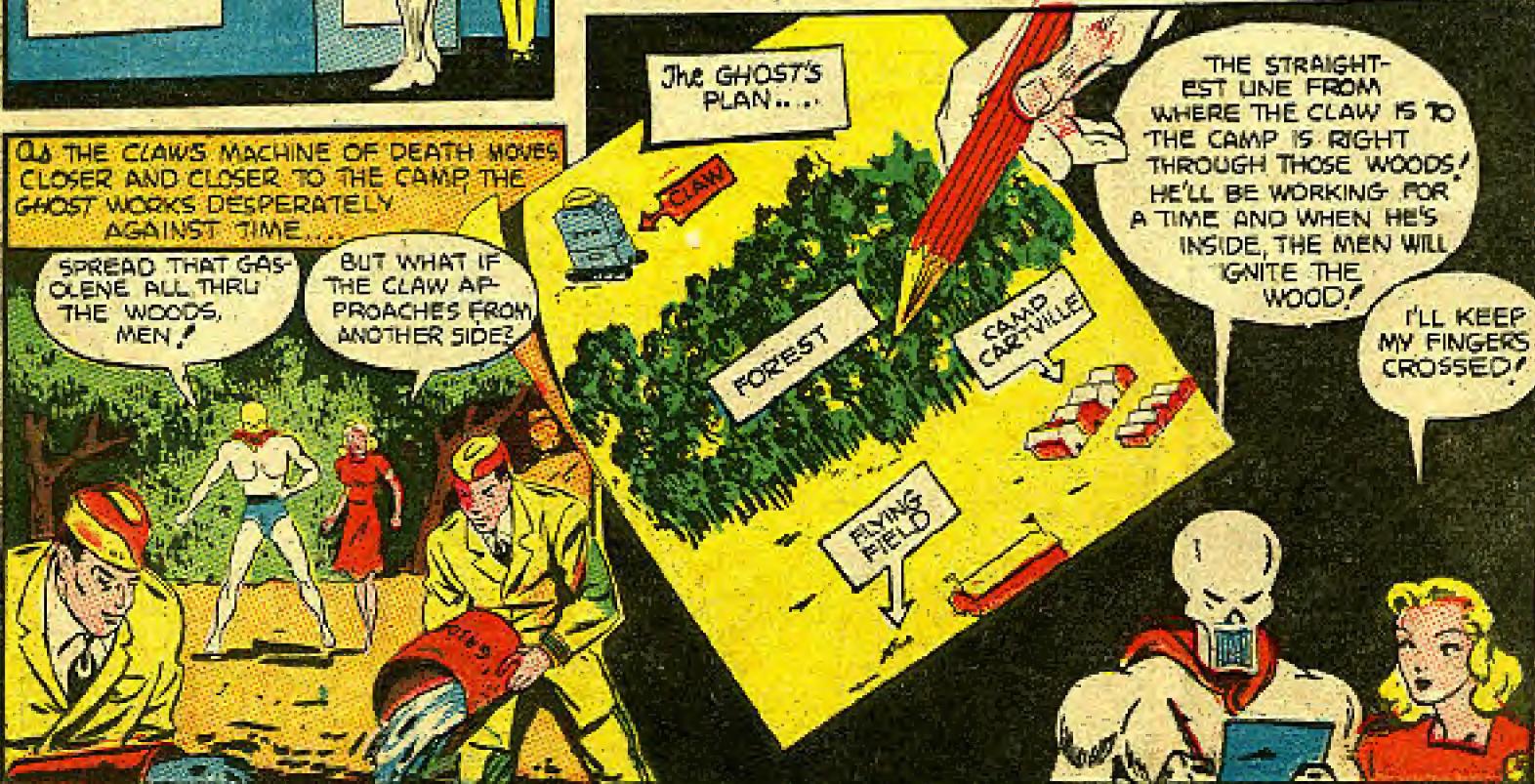


AS THE CLAW'S MACHINE OF DEATH MOVES CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE CAMP, THE GHOST WORKS DESPERATELY AGAINST TIME...

SPREAD THAT GAS-OLENE ALL THRU THE WOODS, MEN!

BUT WHAT IF THE CLAW APPROACHES FROM ANOTHER SIDE?

THE GHOST'S PLAN...



THE STRAIGHTEST LINE FROM WHERE THE CLAW IS TO THE CAMP IS RIGHT THROUGH THOSE WOODS! HE'LL BE WORKING FOR A TIME AND WHEN HE'S INSIDE, THE MEN WILL IGNITE THE WOOD!

I'LL KEEP MY FINGERS CROSSED!

SILENCE GUNS! CONSERVE AMMUNITION... JUST THROUGH THOSE WOODS AND THEN... DEATH!!

AS THE GIGANTIC MACHINE PLUNGES INTO THE WOODS, SOLDIERS SPRING OUT FROM CONCEALMENT...

WHAT A BUGGY!

WOW!

THE GHOST SAID TO START THE FIRE WHEN IT GOT DEEP INTO THE WOODS!

DEEP WITHIN THE WOODS, THE CLAW BEGINS THE ASSAULT...

LAY DOWN A TEN SHELL BARRAGE ON THE FIELD WITH THE TWELVE-INCH GUNS, HURRY!

YES, MASTER!

UNMINDFUL OF THE TRAP AWAITING HIM, THE CLAW THUNDERS ON...

BE READY! WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL LET LOOSE WITH THE GAS ATTACK!

MEANWHILE...

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! HE'S GOING TO KNOCK US A BIT BEFORE HE ATTACKS!

THE FIRE... WHY DON'T THEY START THE FIRES ??

AS THE CLAW THUNDERS ON, APPROACHING THE ARMY CAMP, HIS HUGE GUNS CONTINUE TO BLAST AWAY.....

FIFTY SOLDIERS SPRING INTO ACTION...

FLAMES CREEP GREEDILY UP AND ABOUT THE CLAW'S TREMENDOUS MACHINE...

FIRE!! SWINE OF A THOUSAND PIGS!

AS THE FIRE SURROUNDS THE HUGE TANK, THE ORIENTALS GO BERSERK WITH FEAR...

AARGH!

MUST GET OUT!

WATER, WATER!



ONE SMALL GROUP BREAKS THROUGH THE CORDON OF FLAMES BUT THE GHOST IS WAITING...

YOU DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH A WARM RECEPTION, DID YOU?

SORRY, BOYS, YOU AREN'T WANTED HERE!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER AFTER THE FIRE HAS DIED DOWN...

GOOD LORD! WHAT A FANTASTIC MACHINE! BUT WHERE THE DEUCE COULD THE CLAW BE? BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THE GHOST? HE'S GONE TOO!

CAN YOU BEAT THAT! BOTH OF THEM VANISHED INTO THIN AIR! WASHINGTON WILL NEVER BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL THEM THIS!

THE NEXT DAY...

I JUST RAN INTO THE GHOST... HE TOLD ME IT WAS SAFE TO COME BACK... IS IT?

OH, IT'S YOU AGAIN!

WELL, HE WANTED ME TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING FOR HIM!

HE DID? WHAT IS IT?

THIS!

OH...H...H DID HE REALLY? HE'S MY IDEA OF A REAL MAN! WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN!



BRAD HENDRICKS, YOU'RE AN OLD TRICKSTER.... BUT TELL US, IS THE CLAW DEAD OR ALIVE? WHAT! WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THAT SUPER SPECTACULAR ISSUE OF DAREDEVIL COMICS COMES OUT NEXT MONTH! OKAY, GHOST, YOU WIN, BUT MAKE IT QUICK PLEASE!!





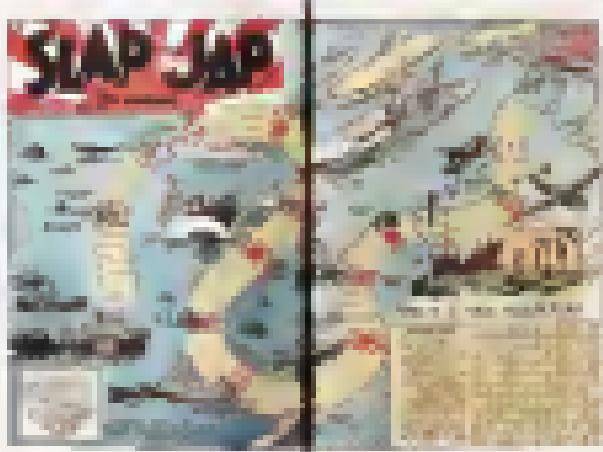


**CHARLES
and
the PHANTOM TEACHER**

ALICE HOPKINS TAYLOR







L

ONDON

WHAT WAS THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE DIAMOND CAMERA? WHO WANTED IT AND WHY?? WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN LONDON AND TAKE A HAND AT SOLVING THIS CLEVEREST OF CRIME RIDDLES YET!!

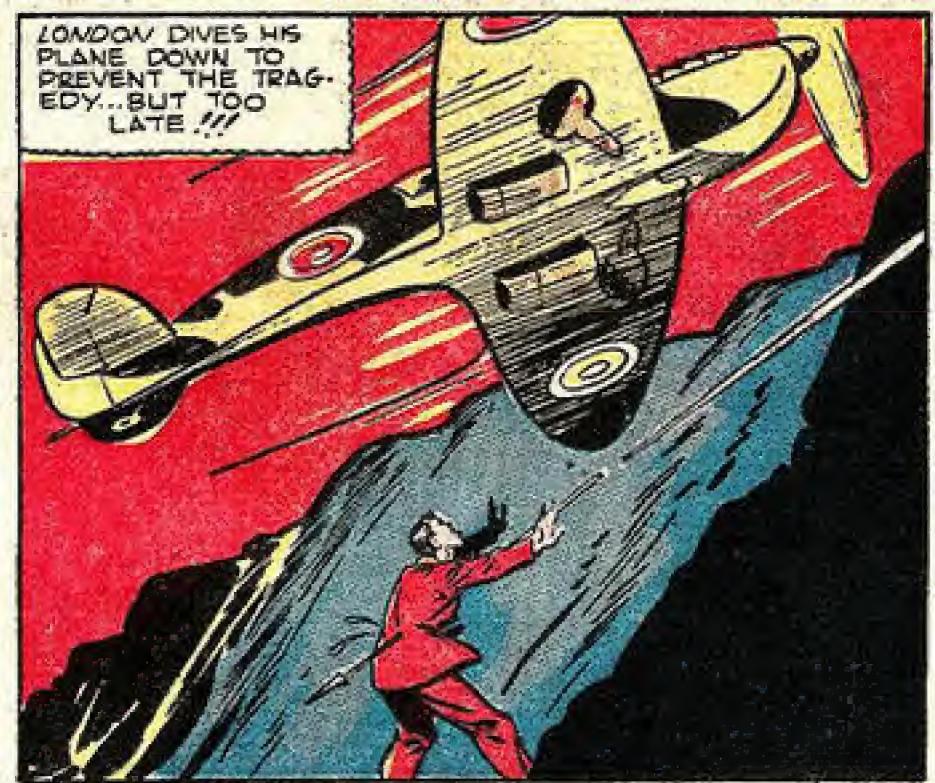


AS MARK HOLMES WHO IS IN REALITY LONDON PREPARES TO FLY HOME FROM HIS USUAL BROADCAST, A STRANGE SIGHT MEETS HIS EYES... THE RIDDLE OF THE DIAMOND CAMERA HAS BEGIN TO UNFOLD...



GREAT GLORY,
THAT FELLOW'S
RUNNING IN-
TO TROUBLE!

LONDON DIVES HIS
PLANE DOWN TO
PREVENT THE TRAG-
EDY...BUT TOO
LATE!!!





A MOTION PICTURE
CAMERA
!!

AND
LOOK! IT'S
DIAMOND
STUDDED!



I'M DYING TO SEE
WHAT THAT ROLE OF
FILM SHOWS THAT
WE FOUND IN THE
CAMERA!! IF THEY
WANTED IT SO BADLY,
IT MUST BE TER-
RIBLY IMPORTANT!

THIS IS ONE PARTY
I'D LIKE TO SEE MY-
SELF! GUESS I'LL
PREVIEW THE MYSTERY
PICTURE WITH YOU —
AND THE CHIEF CORONERS
OF SCOTLAND YARD
SHOULD BE INTEREST-
ING!



THAT EVENING AT SCOTLAND YARD, THE
FILM IS SHOWN, BUT....



WHAT A LAUGH!
WE GET EXCITED
OVER A NAZI
PLOT AND IT
TURNS OUT TO
BE A MAY
DANCE!

RATHER
DISAPPOINT-
ING, WHAT
??



OH, CHIEF
CONNORS, WOULD
YOU WANT ME TO
PUT THE CAMERA
IN THE VAULT?



I CAN'T MAKE
SENSE OUT OF THIS!
DO YOU SUPPOSE
THE AGENT BROUGHT
THE CAMERA BACK JUST FOR
ITS VALUE IN
WAR?

NO! HE WOULD
HAVE KEPT IT TO
HIMSELF AS A WAR
PRIZE..CERTAINLY,
HE WOULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN
EVERYONE EX-
CITED OVER IT!



IT'S SOMETHING
DEEPER THAN
THAT!... HEY,
WHAT WAS THAT?
LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S
TROUBLE!

IT'S
IN
THERE!



AS THE ASSAILANT DISAPPEARS FROM ONE WINDOW, LONDON QUICKLY LEAPS THROUGH ANOTHER AND...

IT'S THE BUTCHER!!!

STOP WHERE YOU ARE, LONDON! I'M JUST LEAVING!

AT LEAST HIS GUN'S EMPTY!

?

SURPRISE!!

YOU OHHH MEDDLER! KEEP YOUR NOSE WHERE IT BELONGS!

WHEW, THAT BIRD IS FAST AND TOUGH!

NICE HORSHIE!

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP, INSTEAD OF WASTING ALL THIS GOOD ENERGY, BUTCHER?

CUT THE KIDDING, CHUM! YOU AIN'T SO HOT!

OOPS!

GET BEHIND
THERE, YOU
CAMOUFLAGED
APE, OR I'LL
KNOCK YOUR
BRAINS
'OUT!'

MY, MY!
SUCH A
TEMPER!!

HMM...
COULD
BE....

THIS IS
MY
CLUE!

SNAP =

WHAT A CHIN
THIS BOY
HAS..IF THIS
DOESN'T DO
IT, NOTHING WILL!

WHAT A
TUSSLE...
NOW, MAY-
BE..HEY!

YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO DO THAT!
HE WAS
UNDER
CONTROL!

WELL
ER...A...
I THOUGHT
HE HAD A
GUN!

T. THE DOUBLE-CROSSING DOG! ...LISTEN.. INSIDE CAMERA... FILM.. GLUED... PRESENT OF HITLER....

AAARRHH!

TRY HARD, BUTCH... TRY.. HE'S DONE FOR!

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

DEAD! TAKE HIM DOWNSTAIRS! I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!

WELL, WELL THIS IS A SURPRISE!



SPEAK UP, LONDON! YOU SAY YOU'VE SOLVED THE MYSTERY? WHAT IS IT?

YES, WHAT IS IT?

WELL, TIBBETS, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, IT'S JUST THAT... THAT YOU'RE A GERMAN SPY!



ON THIS PIECE OF FILM IS A PICTURE OF TIBBETS AND BUTCHER BEING HONORED BY HITLER! THEY'RE BOTH SECRET AGENTS OF THE REICH! EVIDENTLY HITLER TOLD THEM THE ONE TO ACCOMPLISH THE MOST WOULD RECEIVE THE DIAMOND CAMERA! THIS FILM WAS MADE MORE OR LESS TO BIND THE PACT AND GLUED WITHIN THE MACHINE CASE!



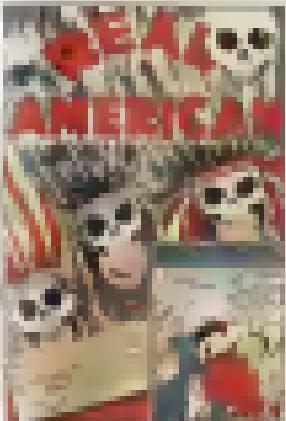
AS FOR WHY TIBBETS KILLED THE BUTCHER... THEY BOTH BECAME DEADLY ENEMIES OVER THE FIGHT FOR THE DIAMOND CAMERA!... NOW THAT THE BUTCHER WAS CAPTURED AND WOULD DIE ANYWAY FOR MURDER, TIBBETS FIGURED HE WOULD TELL THE WHOLE STORY JUST FOR REVENGE! THE AGENT WHO STOLE THE CAMERA EVIDENTLY THOUGHT IT WAS THE MAY DANCE ROLL OF FILM THAT WAS VALUABLE!

I'M BEGINNING TO REALIZE HOW YOU PADDLE THE NAZIS SO MUCH NOW, MR. SHERLOCK HOLMES!!!

THANKS, BUT THEY CAN STAND A LOT MORE!..MAYBE WE SHOULD TEAM UP... OR SHOULDN'T WE!



BRITAIN'S MAN OF THE HOUR MEETS UP WITH HIS MOST DANGEROUS FOE YET IN NEXT MONTH'S DAREDEVIL COMICS! DON'T MISS IT! IT'S A WOW!





















PAT PATRIOT

America's Joan of Arc.



A GIRL'S BATTALION OF DEATH! NO ONE BELIEVED THAT AMERICA WAS CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACHIEVEMENT UNTIL PAT PROVED IT WITH COLD FIGURES.....IF YOUR NERVES ARE STEADY AND YOUR HEART IS STRONG, READ ON, AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS BRIGADE OF BEAUTY WHEN.....

THE MALLET STRIKES!!

THE NEWS SWEEPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY LIKE A RAGING CYCLONE....

Globe
GOVERNMENT OKAYS PAT PATRIOT'S FIGHTING BATTALION
ALL GIRLS PASSED

YES, FOLKS, AMERICA WILL HAVE AN ACTUAL FIGHTING FORCE OF WOMEN UNDER PAT PATRIOT! AMONG THOSE ENLISTED WITH HER IS HEPPY MONTE, THE HOLLYWOOD 'TARZAN GIRL!' - INSIDE INFO HAS IT THAT THE BLOOMERED BATTALION OUTDID OUR ARMY AVERAGE IN THE PHYSICAL TEST! WE BET THE JAPS WON'T BE NECKING WITH THESE CUTIES!

A WASHINGTON

WELL, MAJOR, WE HAVE ONE HUNDRED FIGHTING AMAZONS ON OUR HANDS AND HALF THE COUNTRY ASKING QUESTIONS!...NOW WHAT?

YES, THE PUBLIC THINKS IT'S PROPAGANDA! WE'VE GOT TO GET 'EM INTO SOME SORT OF ACTION... HMM...

JUST PUBLICITY, THAT'S ALL!

MAYBE DEFENSE OF THE CANAL!

THE NEXT DAY FIREWORKS FLARE FROM THE NATION'S CAPITOL....

B..BUT MISS PATRIOT, THE CANAL DEFENSE IS JUST WHAT YOU WANT!! - YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED BY OUR TROOPS THERE!

SUPPORTED!

DON'T YOU SEE MAJOR, UNLESS WE ACTUALLY GO INTO ACTION, THE NATION WILL LAUGH A WOMEN'S ARMY OUT OF THE COUNTRY!!

NOW I HAVE A PLAN !!-THE CHINESE TROOPS PROTECTING THE BURMA ROAD ARE SLACK, SLOVENLY AND UNMILITARIZED !! - LET ME TAKE MY TRAINED BATTALION THERE !! THE GIRLS WILL HAVE INFLUENCE OVER THEM! A MAN HASN'T !! I GUARANTEE WE'LL HAVE THEM TRAINED TO PERFECTION IN THREE MONTHS!

MISS PATRIOT, I THINK IT'S DANGEROUS, FANTASTIC AND WILL PROBABLY MEAN THE DEATH OF YOU ALL, BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ! THE COUNTRY IS SEEING MUCH HUMOR IN THE SITUATION !

THANKS, MAJOR! YOU'LL NEVER REGRET IT... WHEN DO WE LEAVE ?



Several weeks pass...we shift our scene several thousand miles to a strategic point on the Burma Road, where we meet the leader of the Chinese forces, THE "MALLET"...

TIANG WERE GOING TO HAVE VISITORS !! ONE HUNDRED PRETTY AMERICAN GIRLS ARE GOING TO TRAIN OUR MEN.

WHAT? THEY ARE SENDING GIRLS? HO HO, THE STUPID ONES...NO WONDER THEY ARE SO EASILY FOOLED BY US!

SILENCE, DUMB ONE! DO NOT FORGET, AS JAPANESE SPIES, WE MUST BE ON GUARD EVERY MOMENT!! THE BURMA ROAD IS BEING KEPT IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, ONLY BE CAREFUL..OVER-CONFIDENCE WILL SPELL DOOM!

O-OF COURSE!
E-I WAS ONLY JOKING!

GOOD! NOW THEN, CALL THE MEN TO ASSEMBLY! I WILL HAVE WORDS WITH THE SWINE!!

Y-YES,
MALLET!



MEN OF GLORIOUS CHINA, SHORTLY, FROM THE SKIES A BAND OF WHITE WOMEN WILL SWOOP DOWN! THEY COME TO LURE US ON WITH BEAUTY...THEN POISON US WHILE WE SLEEP! SLAY, BURN, AND TORTURE THE WHITE DAUGHTERS OF THE DEVIL!

HAIL
THE
MALLET!

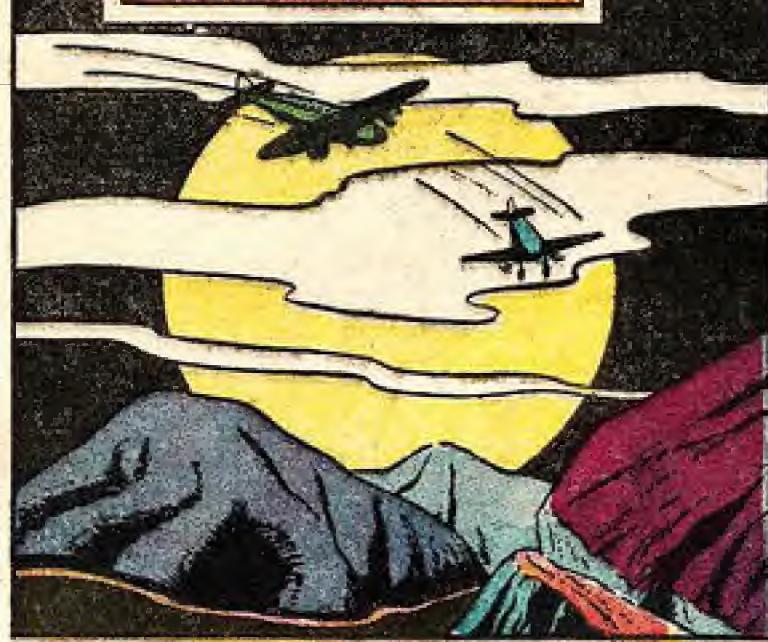
YES,
MASTER!

KILL!
KILL!

HA! THEY WILL BE SLAUGHTERED LIKE CATTLE AND I SHALL SAY IN MY REPORT THAT THE MEN WENT MAD BY THE PRESENCE OF THE FAIR ONES!



THE NEXT EVENING TWO HUGE TRANSPORT PLANES ROAR OVER THE BURMA ROAD...



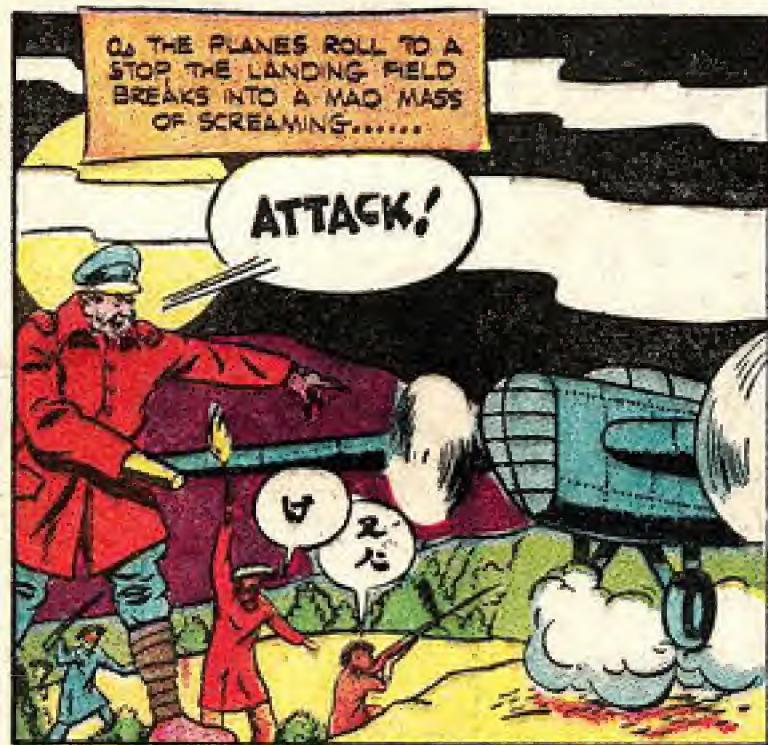
WELL, HEPPY, HERE WE ARE!! IT CERTAINLY WILL FEEL GREAT TO TOUCH GROUND FOR A CHANGE!!

I'LL SAY! I THOUGHT DONG TRICKS IN THOSE TARZAN PICTURES WAS RISKY, BUT IT'S GOT NOTHIN' ON DODGING BULLETS FIVE THOUSAND MILES FROM HOME!



AS THE PLANES ROLL TO A STOP THE LANDING FIELD BREAKS INTO A MAD MASS OF SCREAMING.....

ATTACK!

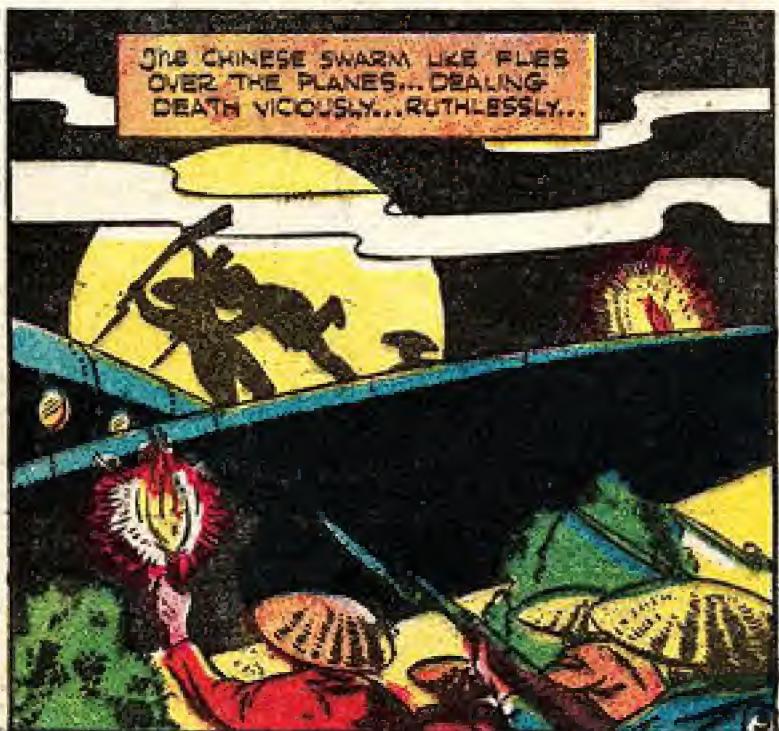


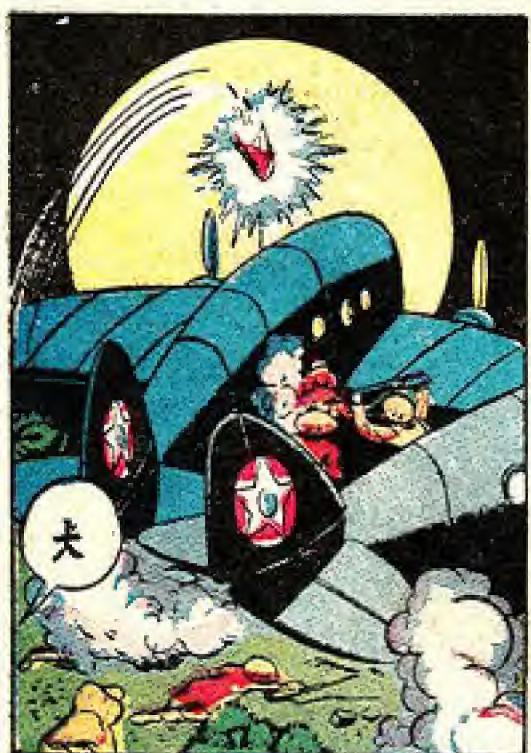
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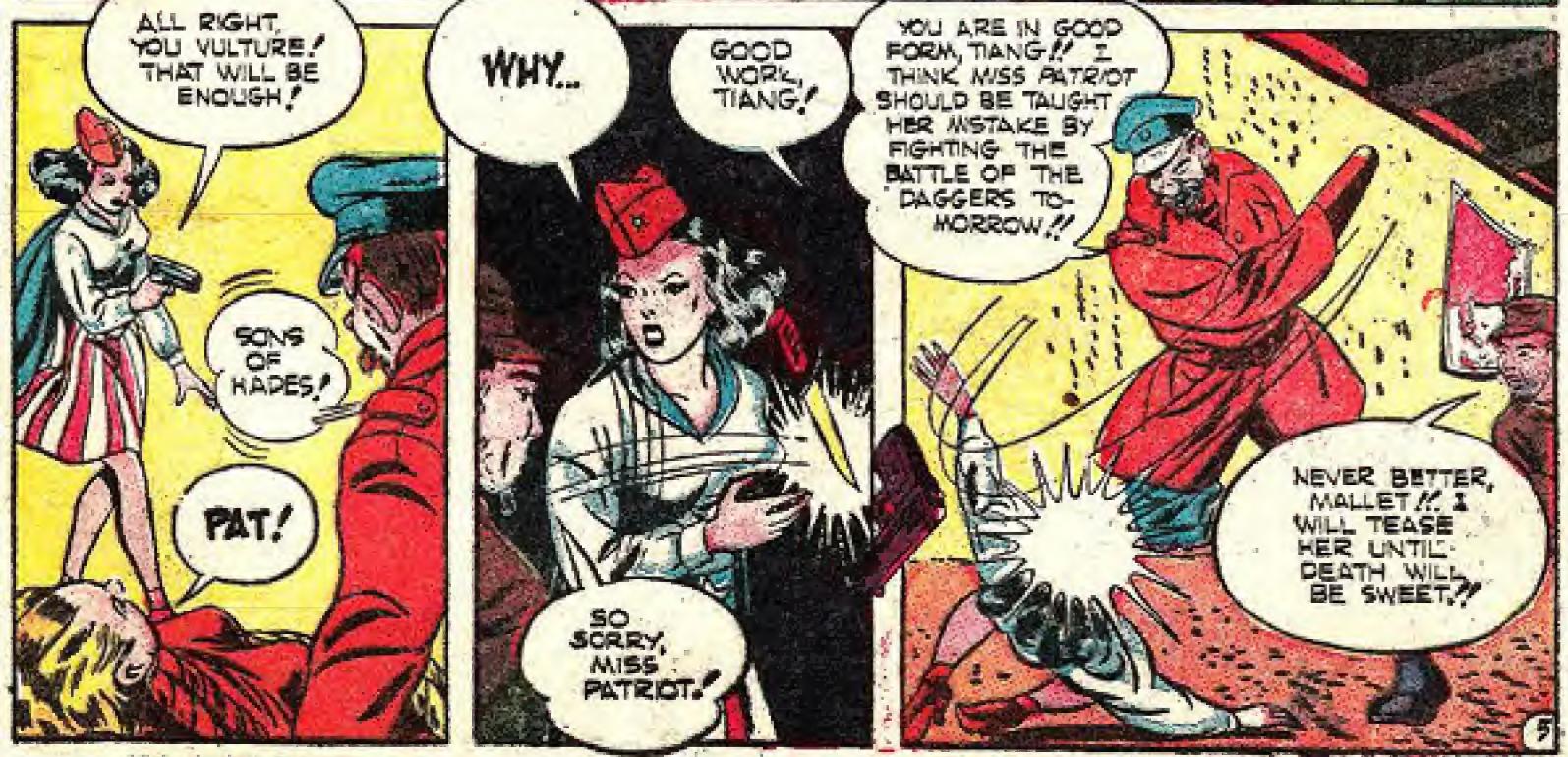
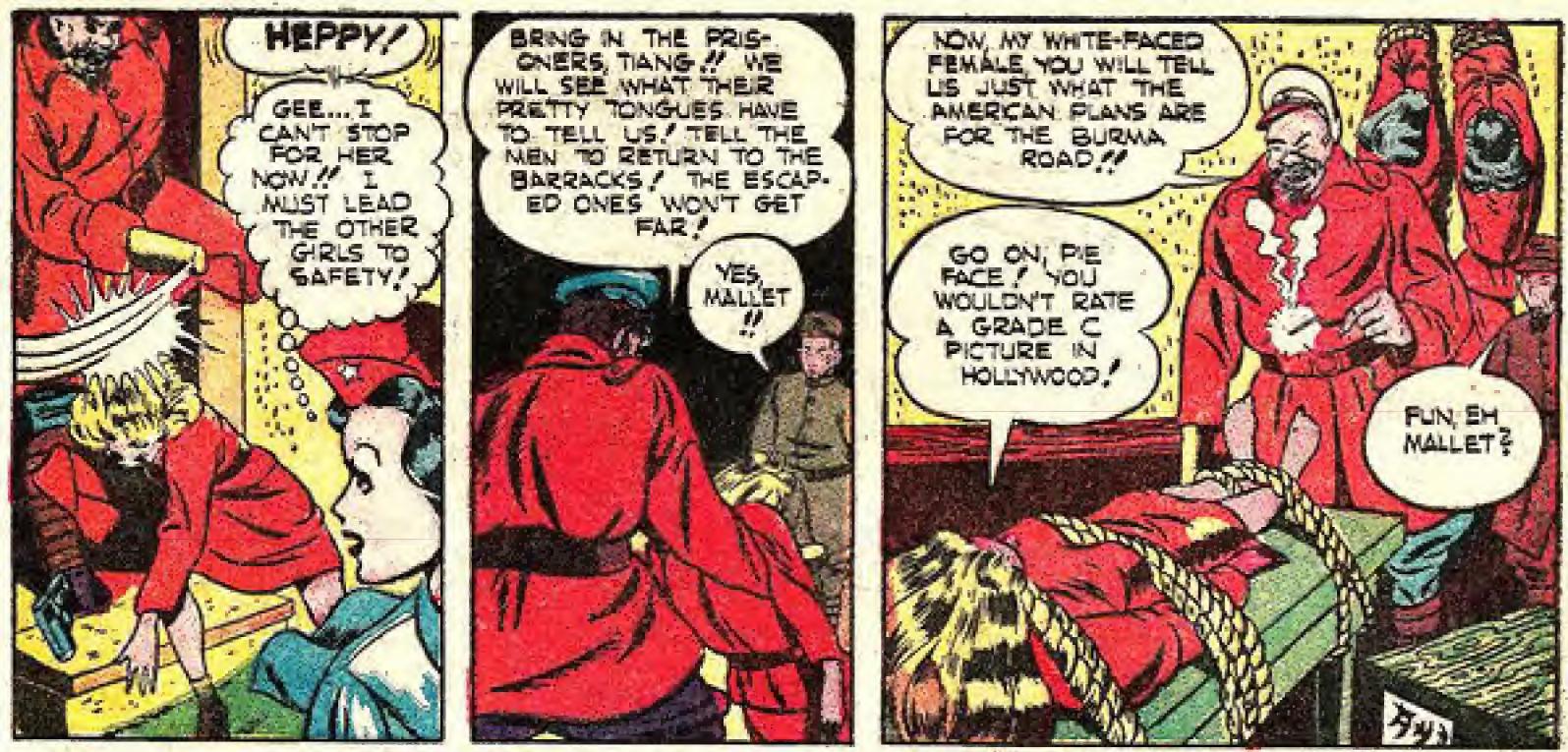
RECEPTION NOTHING!! THEY'RE AFTER OUR SKINS! GRAB YOUR ARMS, GIRLS! FORM A BARRICADE WITH THE PLANES!



THE CHINESE SWARM LIKE FLIES OVER THE PLANES... DEALING DEATH VICIOUSLY... RUTHLESSLY...







THE NEXT MORNING, MALLETT AND TIANG HEAD FOR THE DUEL GROUNDS WHICH BUSTLES WITH ACTIVITY FOR THE DUEL OF DEATH.

CUT HER UP SLOWLY UNTIL SHE SCREAMS FOR MERCY! THEN THE CHINESE WILL SEE WHAT COWARDS THE WHITE FACES ARE! I HAVE SEVERAL JAPANESE SQUADS HIDING IN THE WOODS... WHEN THE CHINESE HAVE RETURNED TO THE BARRACKS, THEY WILL BE CAPTURED QUITE PEACEFULLY....



QUICKLY TIANG THE CHAMPION LEAPS TO THE RING... ASSISTANTS STRAP THE RIGHT HAND OF EACH OPPONENT TO THEIR RIGHT LEG... A KNIFE IS GIVEN TO THEM AND THE DUEL BEGINS....



I'VE REMEMBERED READING OF THIS ANCIENT ORIENTAL COMBAT!... I WON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THIS TRAINED FIGHTER!



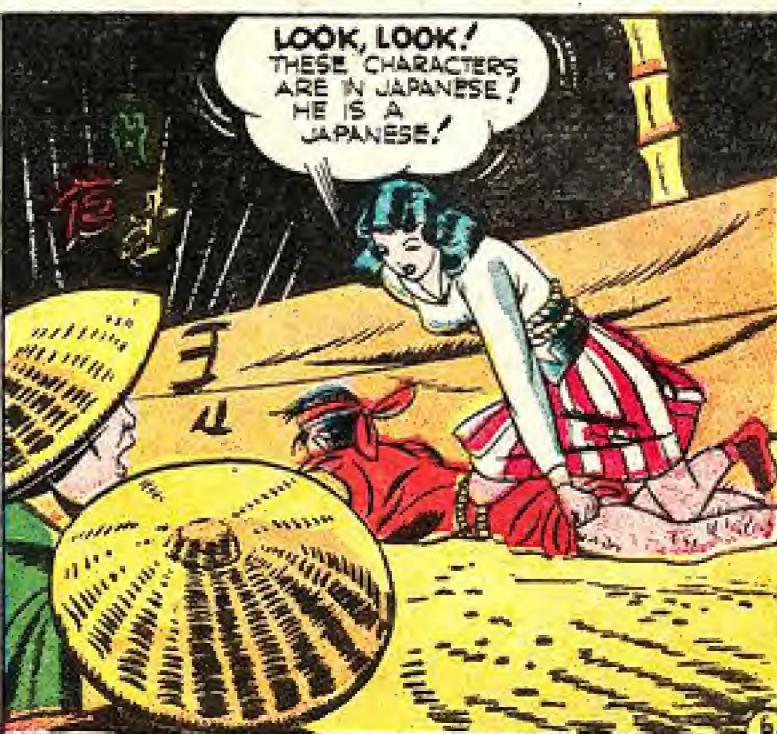
WITH AMAZING SPEED TIANG HOBBLIES ACROSS THE MAT AND THROWS AT PAT WHO HAS STUMBLLED.....



THE FIRST CUT IS ALWAYS THE EASIEST, YOUNG ONE!!



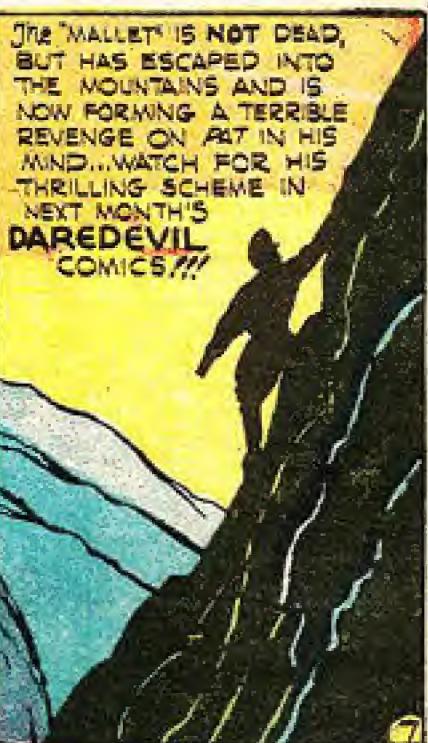
LOOK, LOOK! THESE CHARACTERS ARE IN JAPANESE! HE IS A JAPANESE!



WHITE WOMAN
RIGHT! THIS
MAN IS
JAPANESE!

THE CHINESE ARMY GOES
BERSERK WITH RAGE...MALLET,
REALIZING THAT ARGU-
MENT IS USELESS, BLOWS
A WHISTLE....

IN MINUTES, HIS HIDDEN JAPANESE
SQUADS RESPOND TO THE SIGNAL
BUT THEN, PAT'S GIRLS APPEAR
IN THE REAR....





















**Another eclectic scan
from the dynamic**

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